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TO: UF/ IFAS Unit Leaders
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SUBJECT: High Impact Research Publications

Once again we are implementing our efforts to celebrate and recognize some of the high impact publications generated by UF/IFAS scientists. We define “impacts” in its broadest sense here, including the examples listed below:

- impacts on science by extending the frontiers of fundamental scientific understanding
- impacts on agricultural production by improving agricultural practices and creating new agricultural varieties and technologies,
- impacts on human welfare by improving human health and wellbeing,
- impacts on the environment by providing the key for environmentally sustainable practices and conservation measures,
- impacts on communities and the economy by spawning new products, technologies, businesses, and jobs,
- and many more!

Each unit is being invited to identify one or two peer-reviewed research publications that have had important impacts. Publications should have been published in either 2015 or 2016 (not in press). Publications submitted for this recognition in a previous year are not eligible. The publications and associated impact statements will be compiled by the Dean’s office and the publications will be recognized at the UF/IFAS Research Award Ceremony, on the UF/IFAS Dean for Research web page, and at other appropriate venues. In addition, a handful of these publications and their UF/IFAS authors will be selected for special recognition.

The internal process that you use to determine which publications to submit is entirely up to you. We encourage you to engage your faculty or a committee of faculty members in this process, but again, this is at your discretion. In addition, we encourage you to take advantage of the lists of publications generated by your unit for 2015 and that which you are working on for 2016.

For each of your submitted publications, please input the following information by **Thursday, February 3rd, 2017 by 5pm** at <http://researchtools.ifas.ufl.edu/impact/>:

- Unit name
- Full citation
- A general audience description (500 words or less) of the publication's impact. Quantifiable and measureable impacts are encouraged where possible, but not required. The role of UF/IFAS researchers should be discussed if there are external authors on the paper.
- All current UF/IFAS authors with their unit affiliation and rank (e.g., professorial rank, post-doc, graduate or undergraduate student)
- PDF of the publication

Thanks! We look forward to your submissions.

Jackie